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ever may be our ideas with reference to psychology and philosophy, we must stick closely to the real. I think it would be better to defer my own ideas until I have read the paper.

DR. JULIUS GOEBEL (Johns Hopkins University): I may state in reply to what has been said that my occupation with this study is as old in years as that of PROFESSOR KARSTEN, although I may not have progressed so far in the knowledge of it. The criticism which has been made seems a little sharp when we recall the criticism of those on the other side. They want their opponents to fall down in absolute subjection.—I should also like to remark, that in my humble way I tried to give my ideas with reference to PAUL's views. I forgot to say at the conclusion of my paper, that it was not my intention to consider the whole of PAUL's book. I confined myself to the first two chapters. I admire the latter part of PAUL's work where he gives the real results of his labor. I do not think that PAUL is in perfect harmony with PROFESSOR KARSTEN. He seems to think that it is all philosophy and makes his entire book dependent upon these two chapters and it was on this account that I looked at these a little closer.

DR. JAMES W. BRIGHT (Johns Hopkins University): I should like in the first place to say that I am entirely opposed to talking about sides in the discussion of a scientific question. We are in a free country and let us keep free. There are schools and factions which have grown up in Germany, but I am emphatically opposed to the importation of anything of that sort. Science is universal. Let us keep nothing but simple principles before us. PAUL himself gives us the best view in this controversy. He emphasizes more than do any of his friends the fact that he never intended to form a new school, or to be a leader in a new movement. Some of those who had been attracted by what he had written, had denominated it as new and so the term grew up. We must all agree that from PAUL, we have learned some things with a new emphasis and from him we have acquired some new working ideas. I know from personal knowledge that the most ardent of the adherents of PAUL do not insist upon any such thing as a new school.

On motion, the Association then adjourned to meet at the hour indicated on the programme (2.30 p. m.) and partook of a second luncheon generously provided in the University Hall by the Local Committee. These luncheons in the university buildings were a great convenience to all those attending the Convention, in that they were thus enabled to save the time that otherwise would have been consumed in scattering about the city for the necessary refreshments, and the social features of the occasion were also, thereby, greatly promoted since the company was kept together and had an opportunity of renewing the pleasant relations begun in their former reunions.

For the Fifth Session (Friday Afternoon, December 30th), the Association was called to order at 2.30 o'clock, PROFESSOR JAMES M. GARNETT in the Chair.

Reports of committees were first called for.—The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer accounts reported that they had found them correct.

Committee to Memorialize Congress to remove the Tariff on Books: PROFESSOR J. M. HART (University of Cincinnati): I had hoped to see some of the members of the committee before coming here. I have had a good deal of talk on the subject with PROFESSOR PURNELL, and he and I have prepared a rough draught. I understand that the matter is left in our hands,—we are to act in the name of the Association and submit a paper to be presented to the Committee of Ways and Means at Washington. As I have stated, PROFESSOR PURNELL and I have made a rough outline of what we have to say, but I have not had an opportunity of presenting it to the other members of the committee. It might, however, be well to read what we have written to see if it meets the views of the members.* The points to which we have referred are the unnecessariness of the tax, the fact that there is no competition in books, and the fact that the tax bears upon those members of the community who are least able to bear financial drain.

PROFESSOR EDWARD S. JOYNES (South Carolina College): I move that this report as outlined be adopted and that its completion be referred with discretion to the special committee, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the Modern Language Association.—The motion was adopted.

DR. JAMES W. BRIGHT (Johns Hopkins University): I think that this memorial should contain as many signatures of the members of the Association as it is possible to procure. While so many are in attendance, it might be desirable to provide the opportunity.

THE CHAIRMAN: I suppose that the signature of the committee will be sufficient.

PROFESSOR J. M. HART: It would not be possible to have this paper in such shape as to procure the signatures of those present at this meeting.

DR. H. A. TODD (Johns Hopkins University): This difficulty could be met by saying that the report was unanimously adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations, PROFESSOR H. C. G. VON JAGEMANN, Chairman: The committee would call attention to the fact that it has been customary to leave those elected to the position on the Executive Council for three years and to change only one-third of the officers each time. The committee would make the following nominations:

*The SECRETARY regrets that he is unable to give here the text in full of the Memorial to Congress. He had thought to take a copy of it after it had passed around for the signatures of the members of the Committee; through a misunderstanding, however, it was not returned to him and hence its omission in these PROCEEDINGS.

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The report was adopted.

Report of the Committee on the establishment of a Phonetic Section.

PROFESSOR EDWARD S. SHELDON (Harvard University) Chairman : The Committee recommends the establishment of such a section and also that the Committee be organized by the choice of a president and a secretary. The Committee suggests for *President*, PROFESSOR A. MELVILLE BELL, of Washington, and for *Secretary*, PROFESSOR GUSTAF KARSTEN, of Indiana University.—Adopted,

Report of Committee to choose a place for the next annual convention.

PROFESSOR J. M. HART (University of Cincinnati) Chairman : The Committee agreed unanimously, I believe, in spite of my individual protestations, to recommend Cincinnati as the place of the next meeting. I think that it was pre-arranged to select that place. I tried to convince the members of the Committee that in crossing the Alleghenies, they would take their lives in their hands, and that they must not expect such a reception as they have had in the East. Each member of the Committee,—and I, also, for I like to go with the majority,—voted for Cincinnati.

I hope that you will come prepared for plain living, a great deal of work and less of the pleasures of life. Perhaps things may turn out better than I anticipate. Perhaps the hearts of the college graduates will soften, take you up kindly and treat you more generously than I can promise. The University of Cincinnati will do what its limited means will permit it to do. We call ourselves a University, but in reality we are nothing more than a college, with a faculty of ten or twelve and one hundred and twenty students. Our faculty is very

select as you have doubtless observed. We shall try to treat you warmly; more than that I cannot promise.—The report of the Committee was adopted.

Unfinished Business was next taken up. The Report of the Committee, appointed last year, on the Grimm Memorial was called for. PROFESSOR HENRY WOOD (Johns Hopkins University), Chairman, stated: I made certain attempts to interest people in the subject, but was much disappointed. I understand that my colleagues on the committee so far as they made individual efforts met with little or no success. I was inclined to think and still think that there is more interest than appears, and that had I carried out the original idea of writing out a statement for the Executive Council to approve and which should appeal to our own members, something might have been accomplished. As far as I know, contributions would still be welcome for the purposes of a monument. I would therefore move that for the present, the committee be continued.—Adopted.

Report of the Committee on Publications. DR. JAMES W. BRIGHT (Johns Hopkins University): I offered at the last meeting an outline of what an annual report on publications might be, instancing the practice of other learned societies, chiefly that of the London Philological Society, and at the close of the meeting, a motion was passed without discussion, that some such report should be prepared by me and printed before the next meeting. It may seem strange that the printed report has not been produced. I at once proceeded to engage men in the various departments to make contributions and succeeded in obtaining a large quantity of MS. In further conferences with the members of the Association, however, the matter assumed a very serious look and I finally concluded that I was not justified in starting on my own responsibility what would have to be regarded as a new publication of the Association. I think that the starting of a new publication should be referred to a special committee and should be carefully considered. It is a question to which we must come, if not now, soon in the future, whether or not we should publish a yearly summary of publications. There are such publications in Germany. It is a question whether these serve our purpose or whether we should inaugurate something new.

I urge in extenuation of the charge that may seem to rest upon me of unwillingness to assume the responsibility of beginning something new which the Association might not have desired to carry out, that it would have involved a liberal use of money. I regret that my report has this unfavorable aspect. If the Association chooses to proceed in this matter, the MSS. which I have in my possession are at its disposal.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does the chairman of the Committee make any special recommendation?

DR. BRIGHT: No. I do not.

THE CHAIRMAN: The committee will consider itself discharged.

PROFESSOR EDWARD S. JOYNES (South Carolina College): I take

the liberty at this moment to offer a motion which I am sure will cause no division of opinion :

Resolved that the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby heartily tendered to the University of Pennsylvania for their generous provision for its convenience and comfort ; to the local committee for its happy and complete arrangements, to the public institutions and Associations which have extended their hospitalities and to other friends for their courtesies, too numerous to be mentioned ;—all of which entitle Philadelphia to be named and remembered as the City of Brotherly Love in every language known to this Association.

Resolved that the Rail-road companies which have allowed reduced rates to members of the Association receive our hearty thanks.

I find it impossible, Mr. President, in offering this motion to speak to it. I can compare the hospitalities of Philadelphia to nothing better than our own programme of proceedings and to the feelings of some, doubtless many, of us as we emerged from their electrical feasts,—too full for utterance.—I move the adoption of these resolutions.

THE CHAIRMAN : I would suggest that the names of the Pennsylvania Historical Society and of the Penn Club might properly appear in the resolutions.

PROFESSOR JOYNES : It was intended to include these and other organizations under the phrase “the public institutions and Associations which have extended their hospitalities.” To enumerate all would expand the resolution beyond its proper limits and to select any two would be perhaps invidious.—The Resolutions were adopted.

PROFESSOR EDWARD S. JOYNES (South Carolina College) : I venture to trespass a moment longer upon the time of the Association and to offer another motion which I hope will receive unanimous concurrence.

Resolved that this Association recognises in the MODERN LANGUAGE NOTES under the management of PROFESSOR A. MARSHALL ELLIOTT, a useful auxiliary to its own work, and cordially commends the paper to the attention and support of the members of the Association.

Resolved that the Secretary be instructed to furnish MODERN LANGUAGE NOTES with a notice including the organization and the working of this Association and further, to publish therein all official announcements required from time to time by this Association, and that the Executive Committee consider with discretion the question of publishing the proceedings of this Association in the MODERN LANGUAGE NOTES on such terms as may be agreed upon between the Committee and the editors.

I have learned for the first time since I came here that there has been no official connection between the MODERN LANGUAGE NOTES and the MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION and that there has been no support of any kind tendered by the Association as an Association, to the paper which, besides the obligations under which it lays us as

individuals and scholars, we must see, is a powerful auxiliary to the general work of this Association as an Association.

I desire to offer these resolutions as an expression on our part of the sense of that obligation, and as an official recognition of that paper, so far as may be, as the proper organ of this Association in making such announcements and publications as are proper to be made by the Association itself.—The Resolutions were adopted.

PROFESSOR CHARLES F. KROEH (Stevens Institute of Technology): I wish to call attention to a matter which may be of interest to the Association. Two months ago, I received a letter from a dear friend in one of the colleges, stating that owing to a misunderstanding among the faculty his self-respect would not permit him to remain any longer in that body and asking my co-operation in finding him a position suitable to his attainments. The gentleman is an eminent mathematician, a man of family and in every way worthy of the consideration of his equals.

Now the fact that interests us in this connection is this, that on investigating the means for placing such a man who should be able immediately to step into a position where his usefulness could be increased, there was an almost entire absence of agencies through which such information could be obtained. It struck me that a similar state of affairs might happen to any member of this Association at some future time and such member would be glad to find some means of discovering where throughout this wide land such vacancies exist, and for that purpose I would offer the following resolution:

Resolved that a committee be appointed to devise means for obtaining information as regards vacancies that may occur in the chairs of languages in our higher institutions.

THE CHAIRMAN: It does not seem to me that this would properly come under the business of the Association. If the Society desires that the resolution should be adopted, it is for it to say so.

PROFESSOR JAMES M. HART (University of Cincinnati): I would suggest that the resolution be amended by the substitution of the words "modern languages" for "languages."

PROFESSOR KROEH: I accept the amendment.

PROFESSOR EDWARD S. JOYNES (South Carolina College): It is perfectly clear to my mind that this matter is not only not germane to the work of this Association, but might lead us far from all our purposes. This whole country is filled with teachers' agencies and we do not want to be intermediary between the vacancy on the one hand and the applicant on the other hand. I hope that the resolution will be withdrawn. If put into execution it will cause us a great deal of trouble.

PROFESSOR KROEH: I am aware of the existence of these agencies, but I hardly think that the self-respect of the gentleman in question would permit him to place himself in their hands. My purpose was simply to offer a suggestion. If the resolution is not deemed proper, I will withdraw it.—The resolution was withdrawn.